

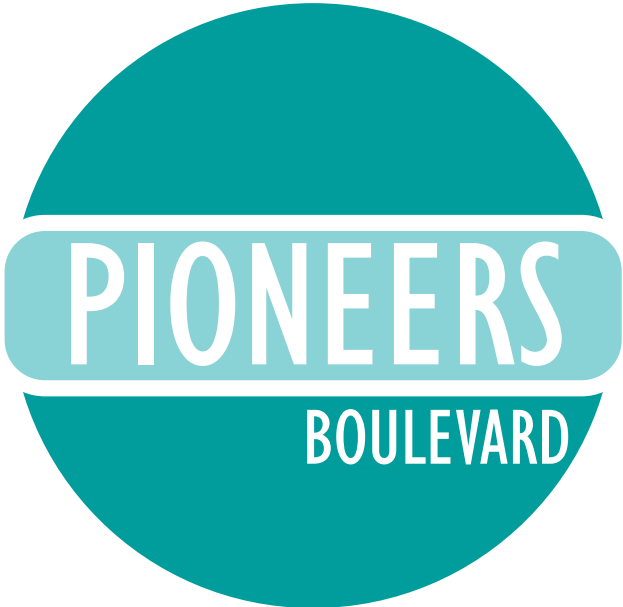
OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING

PIONEERS BOULEVARD ROADWAY DESIGN

Antelope Creek to Pagoda Lane

Maxey Elementary School

5200 S. 75th Street, Tuesday April 4th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



PROJECT UPDATE

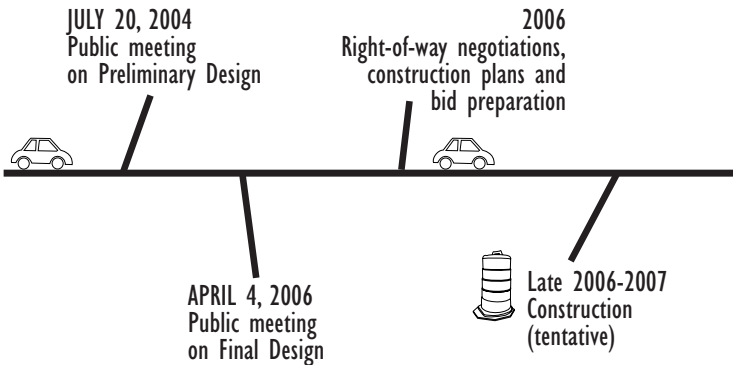
Engineering design for the widening of a half-mile of Pioneers Boulevard, west of Antelope Creek to Pagoda Lane, is nearly complete, and the City is beginning to buy land needed to accommodate the future roadway. The schedule for construction, however, has been delayed until additional funding becomes available.

Design for this project began in early 2004, with construction originally estimated to begin this spring. In September of 2004, voters rejected a major streets, public ways and trails bond issue that would have provided construction funding for this project. The City is actively working to find additional funding for this project so that construction may begin – possibly in late 2006 or in 2007.

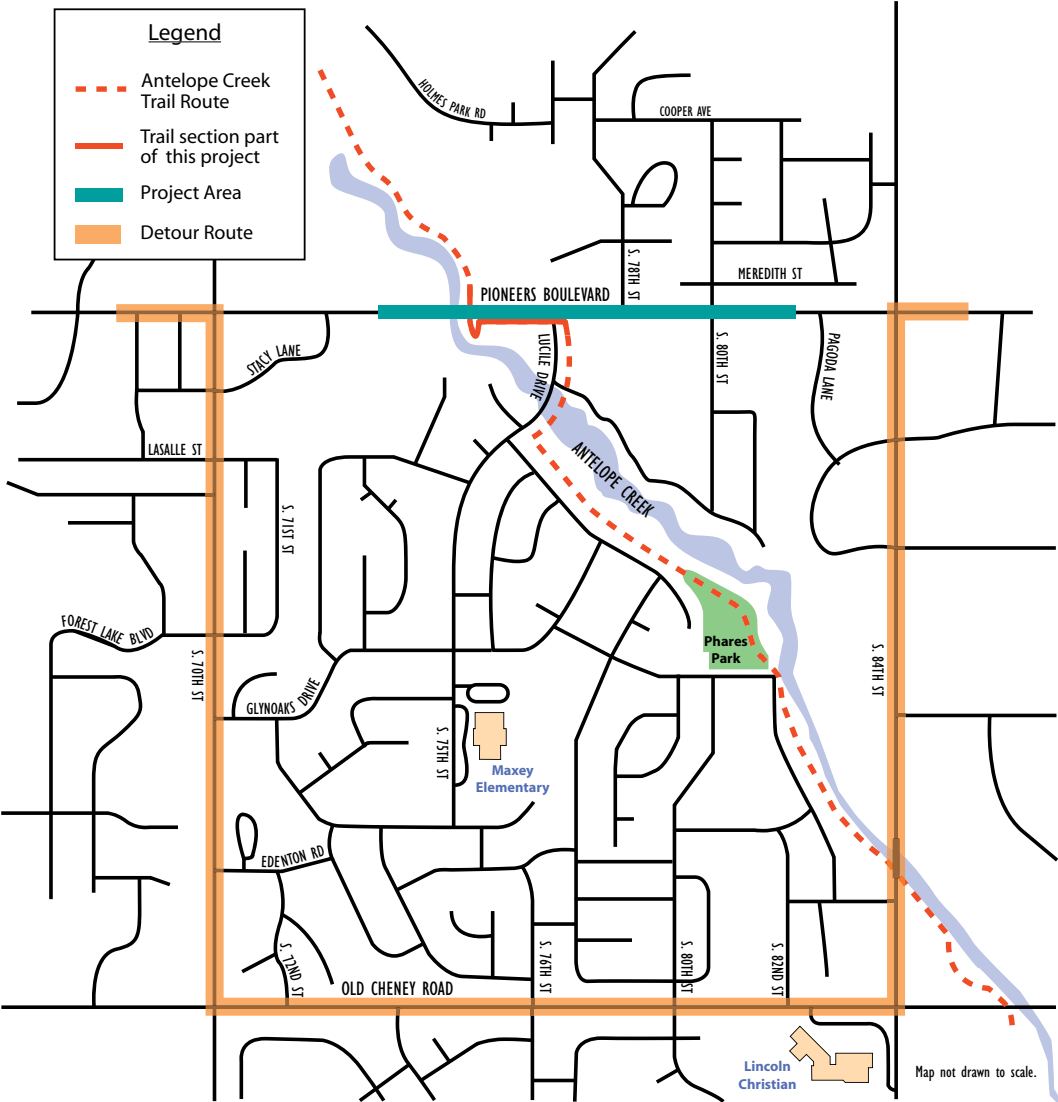
The City is now in the process of purchasing the necessary land to meet the required right-of-way for a wider street with a curb-to-curb width of 66 feet, and additional permanent easements for a hike/bike trail, the Antelope Creek bridge, storm drainage and utility infrastructure, and necessary grade (elevation) changes. Buying the necessary right-of-way now will help property owners plan for the future roadway, preserve the needed land from additional development and expedite construction once funding becomes available.

Additional space for construction activities, called “temporary easements,” will also be necessary.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



PROJECT AREA



HIKE/BIKE TRAIL

A portion of the Antelope Creek Trail will be included in this project. The trail segment will begin at Lucile Drive on the south side of Pioneers and cross under Pioneers at Antelope Creek. This segment will ultimately be a part of a future trail that will continue north along the creek toward the Holmes Park Dog Run and extend from Lucile in a southeasterly direction to 91st Street and Highway 2.

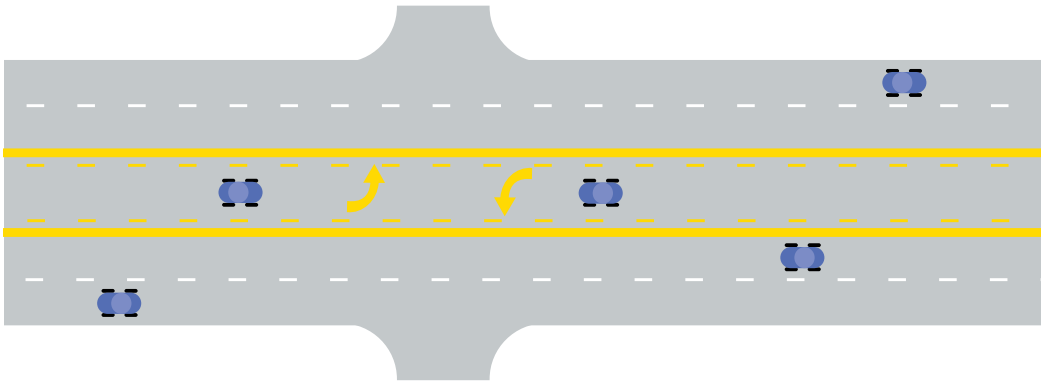
DETOUR ROUTE

Pioneers Boulevard will be closed during construction. Local traffic will continue to have access to adjacent businesses and residences during construction, but not necessarily from both the west and east. Through traffic will be detoured south on 70th and 84th streets to Old Cheney Road.

TWO-WAY LEFT-TURN LANE

The future four-lane, urban roadway will be divided by a painted, 16-foot, two-way left-turn lane.

In August of 2005 the City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department proposed a change to the Southeast Fringe Ordinance, which restricted a median on this portion of Pioneers Boulevard. The change would have allowed for a raised median to be designed between Stacy Lane and Pagoda Lane.



The Department recommended the use of a median and left-turn bays because significant changes in land use and development have occurred in the area over the past several years. Traffic demands on Pioneers Boulevard have increased dramatically. Additional streets have been built to provide access to new homes and commercial developments in the area, such as Pioneer Woods, Edenton North, Willow Springs and the Preserve. Today there are four properties with direct driveway access to Pioneers Boulevard—down from 23 in 1998. Because of these changes, the Department recommended a raised median along the project to increase safety.

Project team members met with individual property owners with driveway access to Pioneers Boulevard, and public hearings regarding the issue were held in August and September of 2005. On September 19, 2005, the City Council voted against the change.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Comments from our last public meeting held in July 2004 indicated that some people thought traffic signals were needed to increase safety. Specific standard criteria, called “warrants,” must be met before the City can invest the resources of time and money for installing and maintaining traffic signals. The design team has studied the needs for signals at Lucile Drive and at 80th Street, and anticipates that a signal may be needed at Lucile Drive in the near future. The project will be designed with the necessary infrastructure in place to allow for easy installation of traffic signals as future traffic volumes warrant them.



ANTELOPE CREEK BRIDGE

The culvert at Antelope Creek will be removed and a bridge will be constructed to accommodate an underpass for the hike/ bike trail.

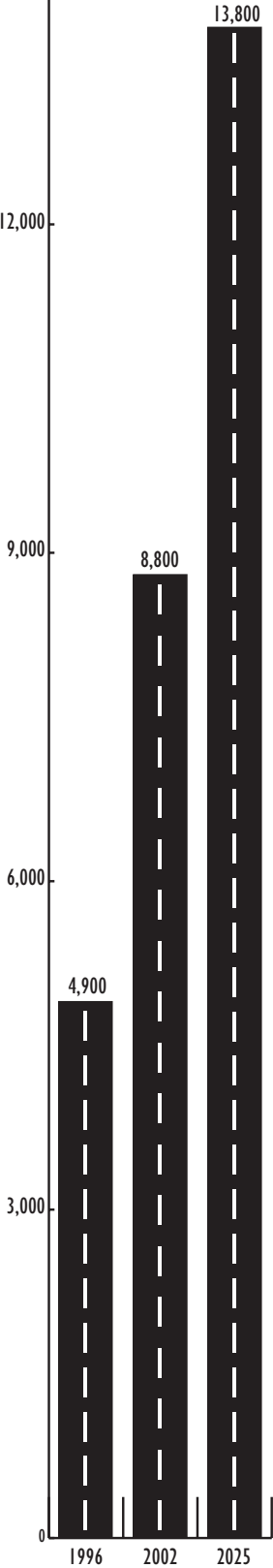
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC
(Pioneers Boulevard,
70th to 84th street)



Existing average daily traf-
fic grew by almost 80% from
1996 to 2002. By 2025, traffic
is projected to grow almost
182% from 1996.

